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1. EMBASSY REQUESTED INFORM APPROPRIATE SOVIET OFFICIALS, INCLUDING SECRETARIES FOR ENERGY AND ENVIRONMENTAL AGREEMENTS, OF FOLLOWING:

A) US CONSIDERS EXCHANGE OF VISITS TO PIPELINES IN SOVIET ARCTIC AND TO TRANS-ALASKA PIPELINE PROJECT COULD BE OF MUTUAL INTEREST SUBJECT TO DEVELOPMENT OF OBJECTIVES, ITINERARIES, AND TIMING ACCEPTABLE TO BOTH SIDES.

B) IN VIEW OF INTERRELATION OF ENGINEERING-TECHNICAL ASPECTS OF PIPELINE CONSTRUCTION AND ENVIRONMENTAL CONSIDERATIONS, AND OVERLAP BETWEEN ENERGY AND ENVIRONMENTAL AGREEMENTS, US SIDE PROPOSES EACH SIDE SEND TEAMS TO THE OTHER COUNTRY COMPOSED OF BOTH OIL AND GAS CONSTRUCTION SPECIALISTS AND ENVIRONMENTAL EXPERTS. SOVIET VISIT COULD ALSO SATISFY THE COMMITMENT FOR A SOVIET VISIT THIS SUMMER TO ALASKA TO STUDY ENVIRONMENTAL ASPECTS OF PIPELINE CONSTRUCTION UNDER THE ENVIRONMENTAL AGREEMENT, PROJECT V-2.1. THE VISIT COULD ALSO SERVE TO EXPLORE POSSIBILITY OF ENERGY AGREEMENT COOPERATIVE PROJECT ON INSTALLATION AND OPERATION OF GAS PIPELINES IN LOW TEMPERATURE REGIONS (REF D). IN ADDITION EXCHANGE COULD FURTHER PROJECT ON ENVIRONMENTAL POLLUTION DURING PIPELINE TRANSPORTATION (NOW UNDER ENERGY AGREEMENT-REF E), AS ENVISAGED IN MAY 31, 1974 PROTOCOL ON THAT PROJECT.

C) US TEAM WISHES TO GIVE PRIORITY TO GAS LINES, INCLUDING COMPRESSOR AND PUMPING STATIONS ALONG WAY AND GAS FIELDS AT ORIGIN, SPECIFICALLY LINES FROM MEDVEZHE TO MOSCOW AND FROM MESOYAKHA TO NORILSK. IT WOULD ALSO BE OF INTEREST TO VISIT NORTHERN LIGHTS GAS LINE FROM BUKTYL TO MINSK AND CRUDE OIL LINES FROM SOMOTLOR WEST TO ALET-YEVSK AND EAST TO ANDZHERE-SUDZHENSK, AND PETROLEUM DRILLING AND PRODUCTION OPERATIONS IN A PERMAFROST AREA. IN ADDITION, VISIT TO ALL UNION SCIENTIFIC RESEARCH INSTITUTE FOR CONSTRUCTION OF MAIN PIPELINES IN MOSCOW WOULD APPEAR TO BE DESIRABLE.

- D) PROGRAM FOR SOVIET VISIT COULD INCLUDE:

- 1) PIPELINE DEVELOPMENT FROM VALDEZ TO FAIRBANKS
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- AND FROM FAIRBANKS TO PRUDHOE BAY, INCLUDING
- PRUDHOE BAY OIL FIELD DEVELOPMENT SYSTEM;
- 2) UNIVERSITY OF ALASKA (PIPELINE RESEARCH);
- 3) NAVAL RESEARCH LAB AT BARROW.

VISIT TO US CORPS OF ENGINEERS COLD REGION RESEARCH LABOR"

ATORY IN HANOVER, N.H. (CRRL) MIGHT ALSO BE OF INTEREST.

E) US SUGGESTS JUNE 14-27 FOR VISIT TO US AND OCTOBER 1-13 FOR VISIT TO USSR, ASSUMING ACTUAL CONSTRUCTION OF PIPELINES IN USSR IS UNDERWAY AT THAT TIME.

F) ASSUMING ACCEPTABILITY OF OBJECTIVES, ITINERARIES, AND TIMING ALONG LINES DESCRIBED ABOVE, US TEAM WOULD CONSIST OF:

- OSCAR FERRIANS, TEAM LEADER, US GEOLOGICAL
- SURVEY, RESPONSIBLE FOR ENVIRONMENTAL PROJECTS;
- WADE WATKINS, OIL AND GAS EXPERT FROM ERDA,
- RESPONSIBLE FOR EXPLORING POSSIBILITY OF PROJECT ON INSTALLATION AND OPERATION OF GAS PIPELINES IN
- LOW TEMPERATURE REGIONS; AND
- SPECIALISTS FROM NORTHERN NATURAL GAS COMPANY,
- OFFICE NAVAL PETROLEUM AND OIL SHALE RESERVES,
- ALYESKA PIPELINE COMPANY, CORPS OF ENGINEERS
- COLD REGIONS RESEARCH LAB AND POSSIBLY THE
- STATE OF ALASKA.

2. FYI WE SHARE EMBASSY'S DOUBTS CONCERNING FEASIBILITY OF FORMAL TIE-IN BETWEEN SUBJECT VISIT AND PROPOSED EXHIBIT AND SEMINAR (REFS G AND H) AND PREFER TO LET THE TWO EVENTS PROCEED SEPARATELY. HOWEVER, IF IT SHOULD TURN OUT THAT EXPERTS WERE TO VISIT USSR DURING COURSE OF EXHIBIT AND SEMINAR, EXPERTS AND SOVIET HOSTS MIGHT VISIT EXHIBIT, THUS ASSISTING EXHIBITORS TO MAKE USEFUL CONTACTS. END FYI
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